GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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Welfare of Poor and Beggars
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared any scheme to bring the poor, helpless and the beggars in the mainstream;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to provide facilities like housing, employment to such people in near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a) to (d) The States are responsible for taking necessary preventive and rehabilitative steps. As per available information, 20 States and 2 Union Territories have either enacted their own Anti-Beggary Legislation or adopted legislations enacted by other States/UTs. Presently, there is no scheme of the Central Government on Beggary. National Consultation Meetings were held with the representatives of Central/State Governments, NGOs, Institutes and Individual Experts in the field of Beggary to discuss the issues related to Beggary. In these meetings, it was, inter-alia, recommended to explore the feasibility of framing a Central Scheme for rehabilitation of Beggars. Accordingly, a Scheme for Protection, Care and Rehabilitation of Destitutes is under formulation which has, inter-alia, provision for providing skill development training to the able bodied destitutes.

Further, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (HUPA) has informed that Housing is a State subject and the responsibility for providing housing to its citizens rests with the State/UT Governments. In pursuance of Government's vision of facilitating Housing to all by 2022, the Government of India has launched the Pradhan MantriAwasYojana − Housing for All (Urban) Mission on 25.06.2015. The Mission aims to provide assistance to States/UTs in addressing the housing requirement of the urban poor including slum dwellers through four verticals viz. (i) "In situ" Slum Redevelopment; (ii) Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS); (iii) Affordable Housing in Partnership; and (iv) Subsidy for beneficiary-led individual house construction.